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Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, Christian, follow Me!

Jesus calls us. By Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call;
Give our hearts to Thy obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND ARTICLE

"Jesus Christ, My Prophet"

Jesus is our Prophet, our Teacher, who preaches of sin and also of grace and forgiveness. That He is the Prophet who should come we see also from His miracles, or wonderful works.

This Prophet Foretold Things to Come

The prophets in the Old Testament foretold many things. And it came to pass as they said. So did Jesus foretell many things. Again and again He told His friends and His enemies that He would rise again. To His disciples He often spoke of His suffering and death and then always added these words: "And the third day He shall rise again," Matt. 20:19. To His enemies He said: "As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth," Matt. 12:40. And on Easter Day the angel said to the women at the grave: "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said," Matt. 28:6. Furthermore, He foretold also the destruction of Jerusalem, Mark 13:1, 2; Luke 19:41-44. And as He said, so it happened in the year 70, when the Romans

came and destroyed the city. Jesus also foretold the Last Day, or Judgment Day, in Matt. 24 and 25. The signs of which He spoke there and in Luke 21 have been fulfilled for the greater part, and Judgment Day will come as He said. He is the Prophet that should come.

This Prophet Also Did Many Miracles, or Wonderful Works

To the prophets in the Old Testament God gave power to do wonderful works in order to show the people that they were sent of God and to urge them to believe. We need mention only Moses, Elijah, and Elisha. So also the Prophet that should come, Jesus, did many miracles. All these proved that He is that Prophet of whom the Old Testament speaks. When John the Baptist therefore sent two of his disciples to Jesus, asking, "Art Thou He that should come, or do we look for another?" He answered them: "Go and show John those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear," Matt. 11:3-5. Therefore Jesus also said to His enemies, "Though ye believe not Me, believe My works," John 10:38. All these miracles should urge us to say: "This is of a truth the Prophet that should come into the world."

This Prophet Still Does Miracles Today

Christ's Word still stands, spreads farther and farther, and does mighty works, making saints out of sinners, turning men from sin to righteousness. His Church stands in the midst of this wicked world and still grows, although the devil and his followers fight against it and seek to destroy it. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes," Ps. 118:23.

Hear This Prophet!

God said by His prophet Moses: "It shall come to pass that every soul which shall not hear that Prophet, will be destroyed from among the people," Acts 3:23. Hear Him, my friend. He came to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation to you. Trust in Him and say, "Jesus Christ, my Prophet!" and then regularly go to the house of God, daily take your Bible, and learn the saving Word of this great Prophet Jesus Christ.

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE**Bible-Study for September**

"He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved," Matt. 24:13

Bible-Lesson: Mark 13:32-37

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house and gave authority to his servants and to every man his work and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even or at midnight or at the cock-crowing or in the morning, lest, coming suddenly, He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

The Day of Judgment, on which Jesus will return to judge the world, is close at hand; for the signs preceding His coming are being fulfilled on every hand. The exact time of His coming, however, has not been revealed; it is known only to God. "But of that day and that hour"—the day and hour of the Lord's coming to Judgment—"knoweth no man," Jesus said to His disciples. Even the angels in heaven do not know it. The day and hour of the coming Judgment was not even known to Jesus, the Son of God, in His state of humiliation. That is a secret which is known to God alone.

Since God has not revealed the exact time of Christ's coming to any one, how necessary it is for Christians to heed the Savior's warning to "take heed, watch, and pray." Several times the Lord tells His disciples to "watch," to "take heed." Christians are to keep their eyes open, to observe what is happening in the

world and how everything agrees with what Jesus foretold, and thus to be strengthened in their conviction that God's Word is true. And to this watchfulness they are to add prayer, asking God to keep them in true faith and ready at all times for Christ's coming. "Take ye heed, watch and pray!"

And now Jesus tells the disciples a parable in which He likens Himself to a man who left his house to take a far journey. This man gave to every one of his servants certain duties to perform during his absence, and the porter (doorkeeper) received special instructions to watch for his master's return. In like manner Jesus, our Lord and Master, before returning to the Father in heaven, gave to each one of His believers, His servants, some work to do in His kingdom. Each Christian is to serve His Lord and Savior faithfully, diligently, unceasingly, constantly waiting for His return, so that, when the Lord suddenly returns, He will find them all ready and prepared for His coming.

"And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." May God grant to each one of us grace and strength to remain faithful to our Lord and Savior, diligently and joyously to perform the work which He has given us to do in His kingdom and prayerfully to wait for His coming!

E. EN.

It Is Better

To be able to keep still than to talk when angry;

To do many little kindnesses every day than one big kindness once in a while;

To know the Bible and nothing else than to know everything else and not the Bible.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Baltimore, Md.—The June service saw the entire communicant membership present, with one exception, and this absence was due to infirmity and illness. Assembled with them were some familiar faces of the deaf and some strange ones never before seen in our house of worship. Arthur Winebrenner, who assists in our Sunday-school class, came down from his home near Frederick, Md., and Kermit Keyser from near Hampstead, some forty miles away. All were in a happy mood and in a state of expectancy. The occasion was the confirmation of two members of the graduating

class at the Maryland School for the Deaf. The previous month they had taken leave of their fellow-members of the Sunday-school. Now they were making their bow to the adult membership of our Church Mission and transferring their membership to enjoy all the privileges and share in the duties. Attired in their graduating dress, they pledged loyalty to the faith in which they had been baptized and instructed, reverently promised with the help of God to continue to the end in the confession of this faith, and by the grace of God to adorn their profession with a Christian life. May the heavenly Father guide them by the Gospel, the only means of sustaining this faith, to that end!

The entire membership went with the newly confirmed to the Lord's Table and strengthened their faith in His good and gracious will by this institution of the Savior. The evening was whiled away in conversation and with light refreshments. Mr. C. Henning reported that nearly all the members had responded to the appeal for a Centennial Thank-offering to commemorate the landing of the Saxon Pilgrims. It was a voluntary offering on the part of the deaf, for they, too, share the blessings which the Lutheran Church enjoys. From a small fund, which is used for refreshments, the members took a few dollars to round out their contribution of 25 dollars. A. B.

Washington, D. C. — Services were conducted monthly in Christ Lutheran Church, the charming little house of worship on 16th and Gallatin streets, N. W., on the evening of the second Sunday of the month. These services were held principally for Lutheran students of Gallaudet College. They were also attended by a few other students and by a number of residents of the nation's Capital. Holy Communion was celebrated twice during the school-year, and a number of students expressed their appreciation of these ministrations of their Church. They also showed their appreciation by contributing to the thank-offering commemorating the landing of the Saxon Pilgrims. We are sharing in the fruits of their labors, and we are moved to gratitude for the blessings that have come down to us by their efforts. Mr. Claxton Hess and Miss Mazel Monahan were faithful to their charge as leaders of the groups of young men and young women students. Greetings to them, and we trust some fond memories will be awakened in them, as is the case in the writer. A. B.

Omaha Mission. — On July 30 a service was held for the deaf at Hastings, Nebr. At this first service in that vicinity twenty deaf friends took advantage of attending the preaching of God's Word, many of them for the first time in many years. Eight Lutherans partook of the Lord's Supper, and five others began to take instructions in the doctrines of the Bible with the intention of being confirmed and becoming members of our Church. We hope to arrange services there at regular intervals in the future.

Our good Lord, who has said: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, and My ways are not your ways," in His divine wisdom suddenly took from our midst one of our fine young men, a voter and officer of the Omaha

congregation and boys' supervisor at the Omaha school, Mr. Floyd E. Zabel. While Mr. Zabel and another friend, Mr. Wm. Sinclair, were returning to the latter's home late on Friday evening, August 4, a switch engine, traveling in reverse and pulling a number of cars, struck their automobile at a dangerous crossing. Mr. Zabel died instantly, and Mr. Sinclair was seriously injured. The departed was a sincere Christian, which he showed in many ways, and even though we shall all miss him, we comfort ourselves with the thought that "the Lord doeth all things well" and that he is now safe in the arms of his Savior, in whom he believed. May we daily and seriously consider the words of the song:

Who knows how near my end may be!
Time speeds away, and death comes on;
How swiftly, ah, how suddenly,
May death be here and life be gone!

Minneapolis Mission. — June 30 our oral group organized a society which is to meet the last Friday of every month. They intend to meet for mission studies, which are to be followed by a social gathering. The following officers were elected: President, Ralph Deilke; Vice-President, Eleanor Johnson; Secretary, Joan Kissinger; Treasurer, Fred Armstrong. May also these meetings help to fill all with love for Jesus, their Savior, and His soul-saving work!

July 23 one of our oldest members passed away, Mr. G. H. Humble, at the Ebenezer Home, where he had been for the past eight years. He attained the age of 80 years, 3 months, and 26 days. He was one of the charter members of Grace Congregation and always was a faithful member and worker in Christ's kingdom. Also while at the Home, he was a regular attendant at the services until he met with an accident several years ago, being struck by an automobile. After that friends brought him to church occasionally. He was in our services for the last time in March, when he partook of the Lord's Supper. He seemed to be failing for the last six months, and early in the morning of July 23 he fell asleep in Jesus. His body was laid to rest in Crystal Lake Cemetery, where also his wife and two sons are asleep in Jesus. One sister, 84 years of age, survives him. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them," Rev. 14:13.

Saturday, July 29, Florence Benolkin, a communicant member of Grace Church, was united in holy wedlock with John Gustafson of Eau Claire, Wis. They will reside in Eau Claire and there attend Rev. Beyer's monthly services. May Jesus be their constant Guide in life and death! J. L. S.

Western Canadian Mission. — The readers of the DEAF LUTHERAN have seen no news from this field since two years ago. During that time the missionary has tried by preaching, teaching, and correspondence to bring the knowledge of our only Savior to as many deaf as possible who live scattered over the three prairie provinces Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. This territory, from Winnipeg west to beyond Edmonton, is 800 miles long and about 325 miles wide; or, in other words, the length is twice the distance between Minneapolis-

St. Paul and Chicago. Of course, if there is only one Gospel-messenger in this big field, he is unable to sow the Seed into the hearts of some 350 to 400 deaf as it ought to be done. We fervently hope another minister can be sent in the not too far distant future to take over a part of this promising field.

In March of this year Mr. Adam Repp of Calgary, Alta., became a communicant member after having been duly instructed in the knowledge of the right way to heaven through Jesus. Before five witnesses he made a good confession of his faith.

The work at the Winnipeg school, where also the children from the province of Alberta receive their education, is progressing. The number of children in our Lutheran classes stands at 35. The attendance at the Saskatoon school has dwindled, sad to say. We hope that these children will not be lost to their Savior but will permit themselves to be found again by Him before it is too late.

Since last fall the missionary is residing in Winnipeg. During the past spring eight adult deaf were receiving instruction in the Christian religion. Other deaf also are increasing in the knowledge of salvation and are beginning to appreciate the pure Word of God as taught by our Lutheran Church according to the Scriptures, which alone can bring true and everlasting happiness into our hearts.

On August 2 Mr. Charles Wharton was laid to rest after a long illness, having suffered with cancer. He was among the first five adult deaf in Winnipeg who joined our church five years ago, July 24, 1934, being confirmed by Pastor W. Ferber of Duluth. Always a very faithful attendant at divine services and a searcher of the Bible before and after his confirmation, the Holy Spirit gave him a firm, patient faith, which never doubted his Lord's loving-kindness in spite of much pain and suffering. Oh, how glad he was when he felt the day coming nearer on which His dear Savior finally took him to his heavenly home!

May the Lord Jesus graciously give also us, the writer and every reader of these lines, such an unwavering childlike faith in our last hour, so that we may depart with the same firm confidence from this sinful world into the company of the sinless saints and angels of heaven!

R. F. C.

Mission for the Blind and Deaf. — Mr. Hunt of the American Braille Institute recently sent us a report of the 1939 meeting of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, which we read with deep interest. The chief topic of discussion was the advisability of using Grade 1½ or Grade 2 in printing Braille books for the blind. Librarians and teachers of the blind urgently requested more printing in Grade 1½ since there are only 8,000 Grade 2 readers among the 120,000 blind in the United States. Mr. Roberts, director of the Government Project of Books for the Blind, stated: "From the turn of the century until 1932 the crying need was for a uniform type of Braille. Your association was represented at the conference at which Grade 2 was adopted. It is with some anxiety, therefore, that we perceive that the readers of Grade 2 still number but 8,000."

Since 1928 the Chicago Library for the Blind has been circulating six copies of our *Lutheran Herald* in Moon type among its many readers. We have received many favorable comments through this agency. A reader last week wrote us as follows: "Mr. M. wishes me to express his sincere appreciation of your religious magazine. The *Herald* is a source of comfort to him and helps to fill up the long hours also."

The deaf in our territory have repeatedly expressed the wish and the hope that we may be able to continue serving them after we have become better acquainted with our new duties of editing the Braille *Lutheran Messenger*. We hope to serve at least some deaf again beginning some time in 1940. O. C. S.

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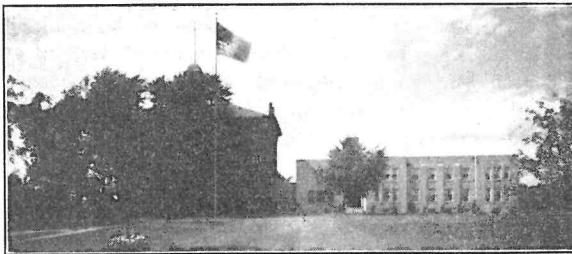
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